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In re Application of

Lie-Fen SHYUR et al.

Serial No.: 09/654,652

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For: A Truncated Form of Fibrobacter Succinogenes
1,3-1,4-Beta-D-Glucanase With Improved
Enzymatic Activity And Thermo-Tolerance

Examiner: Y. Pak
Group Art: 1652

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AMENDMENT

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated January 28, 2002, please amend claim 1 as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1 as follows.

1. (Amended) A truncated glucanase having an amino acid sequence with a total number of N-terminal amino acid residues between 200 and 321, wherein at least 200 of said amino acid residues form a linear sequence substantially identical to a portion of the N-terminal amino acid sequence of a wild-type glucanase from Fibrobacter succinogenes.